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# Walcott CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

# NEWSLETTER

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**YES!!!! SIGN ME UP!**

## I want to volunteer when RAGBRAI Rides the Rails through Walcott on Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> 2015!

There will be many opportunities to help from setting up before the riders arrive, during the day of the event, and after they have left our town!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a member of \_\_\_\_\_ organization. (If applicable)

If you are a citizen wanting to help that day please check how you would like to help:

I want to help Friday for set up

I want to help Saturday Morning (7:00-11)

I want to help Saturday afternoon (11:00 – 3:00)

I would like to help with cleanup (3 until 6)

I want to donate pies

Feel free to check more than one!

All volunteers for the day will receive a free Walcott - Ride the Rails T-Shirt!!!

Adult size    \_\_\_ S    \_\_\_ M    \_\_\_ L    \_\_\_ XL    \_\_\_ XXL    \_\_\_ XXXL

Youth size    \_\_\_ S    \_\_\_ M    \_\_\_ L    \_\_\_ XL

Please return this form to City Hall or mail to:

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## HAPPENINGS AT CALVARY

**REFIT FOR A REASON FUNDRAISER: ON SATURDAY, JUNE 27TH ST.** David's Anglican Church will be holding a DANCE FITNESS FUNDRAISER AT CALVARY FROM 10-12 A.M. IN THE SOCIAL HALL. KAYE MILLER, A CERTIFIED REFIT® INSTRUCTOR will be leading this session. PEOPLE OF ALL AGES AND FITNESS LEVELS (KIDS AGE 9 AND UP ARE WELCOME TO COME AND DANCE WITH THEIR PARENTS). THERE WILL BE DANCING, PRIZE DRAWINGS AND FUN ACTIVITIES FOR ALL. THIS IS A FAMILY FRIENDLY DANCE FITNESS PROGRAM. FREE WILL DONATIONS (\$10 SUGGESTED) TAKEN AT THE DOOR. ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE ST. DAVID'S ANGLICAN CHURCH BUILDING FUND.

### Preschool Update:

\*A big THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED BAKED ITEMS, SODA, OR CAME TO EAT THE DAY OF THE CITY-WIDE GARAGE SALE. WE SOLD OUT OF BAKED GOODS! WHAT A WONDERFUL DISPLAY OF TALENT. THANKS, TOO, FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT TO GIVE OUR PRESCHOOL ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

\*WE ARE ALSO NOW REGISTERING 3-5 YEAR OLDS FOR FALL. CALL THE PRESCHOOL FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AT 284-6122.

\*DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR BIRDIES FOR CHARITY PLEDGE CARDS THAT WERE MAILED OUT.

### Mark Your Calendars:

PLANS ARE IN PROCESS TO HAVE VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL THE WEEK OF JULY 27-31. THIS WILL BE FROM 6 TO 8:30 P.M. WATCH THE "WALCOTT NEWS" FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AS WE GET CLOSER TO THAT DATE.



## LIBRARY NEWS

Here we go! The Scott County Library System's Summer Reading Program has begun for toddlers, children, teens, and adults with lots of programs and prizes. The theme this year is "Every Hero Has a Story", featuring a different kind of hero each week. These activities are scheduled for June and early July:

\* June 1-6: Family Heroes (We'll be making thank you cards for our family heroes.)

\* June 8-13: Famous Superheroes. (Leo Kelly's Super Artist Workshop @ 2 p.m on Monday, 6/8; we'll be making superhero capes all week.)

\* June 15-20: Animal Heroes (Reading Dogs @ 3 p.m. on Monday, Little Wizards @ 2 p.m. on Tuesday, 6/16)

\* June 22-27: Friends as Heroes (Mike Paustian will speak about being a farmer @ 3 p.m. and Elephant & Piggie will visit @ 3:30 p.m.)

\* June 29-July 1: Servicemen and women: Write letters to or draw pictures for soldiers.

Come in and sign up for the Summer Reading program, which involves reading or being read to for 10 minutes at a time, anytime in June and July. Our goal at Walcott is to have at least ten teens participate because that group has been under-represented in the past. Walcott students are also welcome to participate in the Davenport Library Summer Reading Program and earn different prizes for reading or listening to the same amount of material (books, magazines, books on CD, audiobooks, e-readers). You can sign up for their program at the Fairmount, Eastern, or Main branches. Please remember that the bookmobile participates, too.

There are some fantastic programs scheduled for the Eldridge location, which are listed on the back of the reading logs. If you are unable to attend the programs at Walcott, you can attend the same programs at other branches at other times.

The winners of the April gift bag raffle were the following: Janice Dawson, Garden Fun; Ashley White, Girl Fun; Braxton Blake, Summer Fun; and Morgan Smith, Toddler Fun. Congratulations!

During the summer, preschool director, Char Knutsen, will be sharing the library duties with Sherry Roberts. Please remember to bring your library card in case the person at the desk doesn't know you.

The library will be closed on July 3 and 4, because the Scott County Library System has chosen to give their employees those two days off. The Walcott Library will be closed on Saturday, July 18, in observance of Walcott Day.

The Book Club book for July is The Book Thief by Marcus Zusak. The genre featured is Biography, featuring stories of heroes. As always, Legos, Duplos, games, jewelry making materials, and drawing materials are available every day for children to use.

Have a Reading Summer and visit your free library or bookmobile.

## THE GREEN, GREEN GRASS OF HOME...

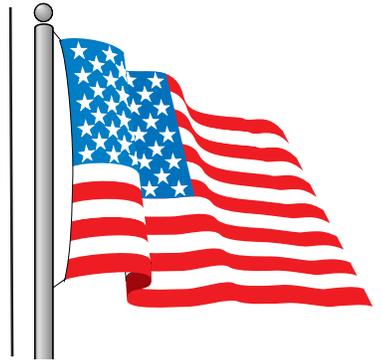
Time to pull out that lawn mower and cut the grass again! Just a reminder that the City of Walcott requires all property owners to keep their grass cut to 6 inches or less. Additionally, property owners are also required to keep all shrubs trimmed so they do not overhang public sidewalks. Trees that overhang public sidewalks and streets be kept free of dead limbs and branches to avoid falling onto cars or pedestrians. Let's all work together to keep Walcott the best manicured town around!



## WALCOTT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPT.

### April 2015 Calls

False	3
EMS	21
Fire	2
MTD	26
<b>YTD</b>	<b>127</b>



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## WALCOTT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As you do your spring cleaning, the Walcott Historical Society would like you to remember to save and donate any old artifacts, pictures, and written records on Walcott history. We've been hearing of significant items being found far from Walcott at estate sales and being offered for sale on eBay. We hope to have a home for these valuable items in the near future. Until then, we are happy to store them. Please bring items to the Walcott Library at 207 S. Main St. or call Karen Puck at 563-284-6438, or email at natpuck@aol.com. Our next meeting is June 17th at 7 p.m. at the Walcott Fire Department if you would like to join us.

## PROJECT TIME!

Time to get out the tools and start fixing up all that winter damage...

Many projects require a building permit and inspections to make sure the work is safe and done correctly to avoid further repairs in the future. Reroofing, residing, replacing air conditions, water heaters and furnaces, as well as new accessory buildings and larger projects, require a permit from the Walcott Building Inspections Department. If you have any questions or need free help planning your project so it meets building and zoning codes, please call (563) 284-6571, Ext. 18.

## RAGBRAI

A special ordinance is in place to regulate the activities for the large number of visitors that will be in Walcott due to RAGBRAI on July 25th. It establishes a RAGBRAI Committee to coordinate all the activities and vendors for the event.

**Can I sell items or have a booth or stand during the RAGBRAI event?** This is a frequent question for cities that are on the path of RAGBRAI. If you want to be a vendor during the event, you must pay the appropriate fees and obtain a vendor permit from the Committee. If you do not obtain a permit, you cannot sell anything during the event, even from your private property. Certain local, established businesses may be exempt. Information and forms are available from the city's website, [www.cityofwalcott.com](http://www.cityofwalcott.com), under the Our Community tab. Please contact Larry Koberg, 284-6796, for further questions.

## FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF BLUE GRASS

By Pastor Edith

History, that which tells who we are, where we came from, and lays the foundation for our future. The history of our communities has been passed down through the stories of others and in the books that have been written but have you ever wondered about those first pioneers of old who came to this area to settle and watched a community grow up around them? It is the same with our faith and our churches. We pay tribute to the pilgrims of the first church in Blue Grass in 1854. It was a Baptist Church. I do not know what happened to this church and to the faith of Baptist after 1854, there is little history available. I do know that James Reynolds taught the first Sunday School Class and that Baptist met in the house of John Perrin an original Blue Grass resident until the first church was built at 114 North Mississippi Street.

Baptist faith and life seemed to just wonder away from this area but in 1991 there was a group of pioneers who sought to bring this faith and life back to this area. They came to the Revelle Edition in rural Blue Grass at 14542 61st Ave. This area was on the outskirts of city limits, and was very overgrown by horse weeds. James Bush, one of these early pioneers shared his story of how when they came to this land that the weeds was as high as the building. In 1991, a church was formed and organized and called Spirit of God Baptist Church and in 1995 the church name was changed to First Baptist Church of Blue Grass. It has been my privilege to be the Pastor of this church since 2003.

This land and this building has gone through many transitions through the years, the building was originally a horse barn, the land was owned by Hell's Angels in the past, and considered an eye sore but now the land is taken care of, a garden to feed the hungry, an enrichment center that offers faith based counseling, and a church that preaches the Gospel of Christ is very present.

God has a plan for all of us, scripture tells in Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.

Come and worship with us and find the purpose that God has for your life. If you are struggling give our Enrichment Center a call and let one of our Christian Counselors walk through this struggle with you. Church number (563) 381-4649.

### Worship Times

**Sunday: 10:00 Morning Worship**

**Tuesday: 6:00 Pm Bible Study**

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## BOY'S AND GIRL STATE PARTICIPANTS

Iowa American Legion Hawkeye Boys State is a weeklong "Hands-On" experience in the operation of the democratic form of government, the organization of political parties, and the relationship of one to the other in shaping Iowa government. It will be June 14-19 at Camp Dodge in Johnston, Iowa.



**Joshua Friede** is a junior at West High School in Davenport, IA. Joshua has been selected to be inducted into the National Honor Society and is a member of Boy Scouts of America. He plays tennis for West High School and ran cross country freshman and sophomore year. He is also a member of the West High choir and has participated in the Spring 2015 play.



**Deke Hagen** is the son of Reed and Lisa Hagen, of Walcott. He is currently a junior at Davenport West High School. At High School, he is a member of the West High Drum line and the student senate. He is also active in the Boy Scouts. He currently works part time at the Iowa 80 Truck Stop. He has not made definite plans for after High School but is planning on attending college.



**Veronica Augustine** has been chosen by Unit #548 of the Walcott Legion Auxiliary to attend the 2015 Iowa American Legion Auxiliary Girls State. It will be June 14-19 at the ISU campus in Ames.

Veronica is the daughter of Nathan and Carolyn Augustine of Walcott. She is involved in the Davenport Junior Theater, Blood Drive Committee and Youth Group at her church. Her hobbies are reading, acting, swimming, cooking and baking. She wants to attend a 4 year college, possibly Iowa State or Brigham Young University.



## SUMMER YOUTH RECREATION PROGRAM

It's not too late to sign up for the Summer Youth Recreation Program: The six-week program will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 9 a.m. - Noon, for ages 5 - 14, June 15th - July 24th. Participants will meet at Victory Park and be transported to Camp Abe Lincoln for activities each Monday and Wednesday and field trips are scheduled for Fridays.

54 hours of fun-filled recreation for only \$70 for each child residing in the Walcott community. The Walcott community is defined as residential homes located within Walcott City limits or Fire District #6. Participants residing outside of the Walcott community are required to pay the full cost of \$196.45 per child.

Registration forms are available at Walcott City Hall and online at [www.cityofwalcott.com](http://www.cityofwalcott.com) and go to the Parks and Recreation tab under City Departments. Completed registration forms and fees must be returned to City Hall on or before June 12th. For questions, please contact Walcott City Hall at 284.6571 ext. 10.



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## SOLICITORS & PEDDLERS

Anyone peddling or soliciting within Walcott city limits must obtain a license from the City prior to any activity. If a solicitor comes to your home, ask to view their license. If they cannot produce a license from the City of Walcott, contact the Walcott Police Department at 284-6571 x14 to verify their status. Licensed solicitors are only allowed to make contact between 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Informational flyers may be left at a residence without making personal contact. There are also exemptions for licensing, which include certain charitable and non-profit organizations. For complete regulations, visit our website at [www.cityofwalcott.com](http://www.cityofwalcott.com) and view Chapter 122 of the Walcott City Code.

Walcott CHAMBER  
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No June, July or August Meetings  
- have a great summer!



# Pancake Breakfast

Blue Grass Legion Home  
106 South Juniata Street

Saturday, June 6, 2015, 6:30 to 10:00 AM

## All You Can Eat

Pancakes\*\*Scrambled Eggs\*\*Sausage  
Homemade Syrup\*\*Potatoes  
Cinnamon Rolls\*\*Biscuits & Gravy

Juice\*\*Milk\*\*Coffee

Adults: \$7 Children 4-12: \$3.50 Under 4: FREE



**OPEN TO THE PUBLIC**  
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**Blue Grass, Iowa**



## WALCOTT FARMERS' MARKET!

The Walcott Farmer's Market is coming back! The times of operation will be Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

beginning June 4th. The ending date will be determined later in the season but for sure through the month of August. We will still be at the SE corner of Victory Park (corner of Downey & Otis Streets).

Once again this year there will not be a vendor fee. Our goal is to simply promote a community-oriented market providing homegrown or homemade goods directly to our local families. Vendors will have an application to sign when you arrive at the market, and it is highly recommended that you hold insurance.

We look forward to another great market season!



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## TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY BAND

Want to do what you did in high school and it doesn't matter how bad your knees are? If you played in band you can re-live those days for a few months in the summer.

The Tri-County Community Band is starting another season and wants any adult (or current high school musician) to join in. The band has been playing old-time concerts in the park for over thirty years in the Durant-Wilton area.

The band is directed by Pete Wyatt, the Wilton band director, and the band rehearses at Wilton High School. The concerts are at the Durant Band Shell, the Wilton Community Center, and now the band plays regularly in Tipton and Bettendorf. The band also has appeared at the Iowa Municipal Band Festival in Boone several times.

There are no auditions and the music is geared to be playable by those who may not have played that much for a few years. Practices are every Tuesday at 7:00pm beginning May 26 in the Wilton band room and concerts are generally on Thursday at various locations. The season runs through mid-July. The band would love to have a lot of new members and you can join in any time. For more information call Norm Doty at 563-340-8507.



## VIRDI EYE GOLF CLASSIC

Benefitting the Iowa Lions Foundation  
Sponsored in part by the Walcott Lions Club

Attention golfers and non-golfers! The area Iowa Lions Clubs and Viridi Eye Clinic will be having a golf outing on June 19, 2015 at Glynn's Creek Golf Course with a steak dinner and live auction to be held at the conclusion of golf.

At the live auction we will be auctioning off a Lasik eye surgery valued at \$5200.00. To be eligible to take part in this auction you must either play in the tournament, or if you are not a golfer but would still like to bid for the Lasik surgery, you can pay \$20.00 and you will then be invited to the dinner and the auction. The dinner and auction will take place at the pavilion across the road from the golf course club house around 2:00 PM on June 19.

Bidding for the Lasik eye surgery will start at \$2,000. The Lasik surgery certificate is transferable to anyone. If you've thought about getting Lasik eye surgery for yourself or a family member, this is an auction you don't want to miss!! If you would like to play and/or attend just the meal/auction, please contact Loren Claussen by phone 563-284-6874 by e-mail [claussenagribiz@msn.com](mailto:claussenagribiz@msn.com) by June 12.

## FASTPITCH SOFTBALL

June 19 through June 21

The Walcott Softball Organization will host the Iowa ISC, (International Softball Congress), men's fastpitch qualifier tournament. Twelve to sixteen teams are expected to enter. Teams will participate in pool play, then move to a single elimination tournament. Local teams, including the LampLInn and Walcott Merchants are expected to enter, as well as teams from the Tri County League and other teams from across Iowa and Illinois. 2015 marks the 31st consecutive year the Iowa ISC has been held in Walcott.

Plan to visit Wescott and Victory parks to see some exciting fastpitch softball. For further information, call 563-210-0935.



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## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

It's almost here.....Walcott Day that is! The town's annual celebration will be Saturday, July 18th, 2015. The Walcott Day Committee has been generous over the years in helping support many of our local organizations and City needs through either financial support or volunteer hours from our committee members. The Walcott Day committee is grateful for the patrons and volunteers who make our event a success. We are asking the community for help to continue that success.

If you would like to make a contribution for the Friday night fireworks display, please call Kelly Quick at 563-505-9072 or send directly to the Walcott Bank.

If you are able to donate a couple hours of your time on Saturday we could utilize your assistance. If you would like to be a part in supporting our community on Saturday, July 19th - please contact Lisa Mengler at 563-284-5187.

If you would like to assist in helping prepare for the big day on Thursday, July 17th and Friday, July 18th or with tear down on Sunday, July 20th please contact Kirk Koberg at 563-284-9431 or Reed Hagen at 563-284-6110.



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**Slaby's Bar and Grill is now accepting applications for the following positions: night/weekend bartender/cook/waitress and daytime cook/ kitchen manager. There are three easy ways to apply. Stop in and fill out an application, private message us on Facebook, or contact 563-529-6784.**

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## RAGBRAI UPDATE

The Des Moines RAGBRAI committee is doing a pre-ride through on June 6th and will formally approve the route after that. The route will be published in the July newsletter.

Volunteer forms are still available at City Hall. There are many opportunities to help before and after the actual event. We will need lots of help again to make this a successful event again.

We are still looking for any old unused bikes that you are willing to donate. We are creating a bike themed photo opportunity for the bikers and need all the old bikes we can get. All sizes are welcomed. If you have one, contact Kelly at 505-9072.

Contact one of committee members if you have any questions- Larry Koberg (563-210-0935), Joe Quick (563-343-8996), Kelly Quick (563-505-9072), or Kris Burt (284-9028).



# June 2015



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6pm City Council Meeting	2 9am Community Coffee @ Courtyard 6:30pm Sheepshead @ Courtyard	3 2pm Bingo @ Courtyard 5:30pm Park Board Meeting	4	5 2pm Root beer Floats @ Courtyard 7pm Dale Thomas @ Coliseum	6 RAGBRAI Pre-ride
7	8 7pm Dominoes @ Courtyard	9 1:15pm 500 @ Courtyard	10 2pm Bingo @ Courtyard	11 7pm J. Beauchamp @ Coliseum	12 ISC Softball Tourney @ Ball parks	13 7pm Lost Country Dancers @ Coliseum
14 Flag Day	15 6pm City Council Meeting	16	17 2pm Bingo @ Courtyard	18	19 ISC Softball Tourney @ Ball parks	20 ISC Softball Tourney @ Ball parks
21 Father's Day ISC Softball Tourney @ Ball parks	22	23 1:15pm 500 @ Courtyard	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Chamber members may submit articles by the 15th of each month to be included in the next chamber newsletter. Articles written may be edited or reduced as space provides. Contact Kris Burt at 284-9028 or email at cwkkburt@msn.com.

Walcott Chamber of Commerce  
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non-members cost: business card - \$40,  
1/4 page - \$70 and 1/2 page - \$140.  
Please contact Wendy Minnick at 386-4566.

#### CHAMBER DIRECTORS

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Karla Burt, Vice Chairperson  
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Kris Burt, Treasurer

#### **GOSPEL SING TO CELEBRATE 4TH OF JULY**

*Friday, July 3rd  
First Baptist Church, Blue Grass  
6:00 – 8:00 PM*

*Bring your lawn chair to enjoy an  
outside celebration of our Freedom,  
with Christian Groups from  
around the Quad Cities, enjoy  
food and fellowship.*

*In case of rain, celebration  
will be held inside the church*

*Need more information  
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